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Diagnosis Date :

Personal privacy information

Necropsy # :

Incident Information

Incident Code :

NY.102327

Location :

Address :

Specimens :

1 x Downy Woodpecker
1 x Eastern Chipmunk
1 x Eastern Cottontail

Corfu, New York

Finder/Submitter Information

Submitter :

William Woanaka

DEC Region 8 - Basom

Finder :

General Public

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Information Provided For Incident

Over a 2 week span there were at least 7 different dead animals found dead on the property. Around a garage, side yard and backyard areas. They don't have cats or know of any strays in the area.

Diagnosis and Interpretation

The chipmunk was poisoned with a rodenticide (bromethalin). The bird and rabbit carcasses were unsuitable for diagnosis.

Laboratory Results For Specimen Code NY.102327.1

Species : Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)

Sex :

Female

Date Received : 2016-06-10

Age :

Unknown

Date Found : 2016-06-08

Weight :

86 g

Necropsy

Small hole in skin of mid-abdomen just left of midline infested with just-hatched maggots; no sign of hemorrhage or deeper trauma. Skin of belly and inguinal area has blue-green hue. Good flesh, small fat (both SQ and viscera). Stomach contains substantial amount of food, including insect fragments, and also contains some blue-green granules. Serosa of lower intestine (including cecum and colon) has blue-green hue. Contents of jejunum include some blue-green granules. Cecum contains an olive fluid. Colon contents are pale blue-green.

Toxicology

Desmethyl bromethalin in viscera fat: 968 ng/g

Diagnosis

Poisoning - Bromethalin

Laboratory Results For Specimen Code NY.102327.2

Species : Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*)

Sex :

Unknown

Date : 2016-06-10

Age :

Unknown

Received :

Necropsy

Partly skeletonized by scavengers, remaining muscle tissue extremely dry. Possibly died over winter.

Diagnosis

Unsuitable for Dx

Laboratory Results For Specimen Code NY.102327.3

Species :	Eastern Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>)	Sex :	Unknown
Date	2016-06-10	Age :	Unknown
Received :			

Necropsy

Submitted are partial skull (missing floor of cranium and mandibles) and some fur and bones with traces of putrid tissue - all mixed with soil. Some live maggots are present.

Diagnosis

Unsuitable for DX

Joseph Okoniewski

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